



February 2018

# Set In Stone!

## Principal's Message

*Barbara Onofrio*



We wrap up the second quarter on Thursday, February 1st and report cards will be sent home on the 9th.

As always, we hope

you'll be pleased with your child's progress. Parents are encouraged to set up a conference with teachers if there is a concern. Parents of students in bridge grades (3, 6, 8) should pay particular attention to first semester grades (an average of quarters one and two), as there is strict promotion criteria related to retention and summer school. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

The first semester awards assembly will be held on Friday, March 2. Grades 3-5 will be recognized at 8:30 and 6-8 at 10:00. Parents will be notified if their child will receive an achievement award earned during the first and/or second quarter.

MEMA, our 8th grade residency is scheduled to begin February 5th. Students will expand their knowledge and social awareness through the historical journey of politics, music and other artistic forms. This residency is supported through parent donations to the FOSA fund, for which we are very grateful.

Our second session of Out of School programming will begin on Tuesday, February 20th and runs through May 4th. Please be on the lookout for the application, as some classes fill up quickly.

Cold and flu season has hit Stone with a vengeance. We encourage all families to talk with their children about the importance of washing hands often and avoiding unnecessary contact with others. While attendance is important, healthy and happy children are more important, so we encourage you to keep children home when they are ill. This will help our overall attendance as fewer students, and teachers, will become ill from shared germs. Also, children should not return to school until they are fever free for at least 24 hours.

### [The Carnival is Coming!](#)

Mark the date on your calendars for Friday, February 9th, from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm. Please join the PTA for its biggest event of the year to play games, win prizes, eat popcorn and have a great time!

The PTA needs your participation to make this happen, so please consider giving an hour or two of your time to help make the Carnival a great night for the Stone community. Please contact Jennifer Yee at [jjpyee@hotmail.com](mailto:jjpyee@hotmail.com) or Jinny Gerhardt at [jinnyygerhardt@gmail.com](mailto:jinnyygerhardt@gmail.com) if you are able to help out.



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, February 1**  
Last Day of 2nd Quarter

**Friday, February 2**  
No School for Students

**Tuesday, February 6**  
FOSA meeting 7:00 pm

**Friday, February 9**  
6:00 - 8:00 pm PTA Carnival  
2nd Quarter Report Card Distribution

**Sunday, February 11**  
Raven Theatre Play Fundraiser

**Thursday and Friday, February 15 & 16**  
Student Performance of "Shrek, Jr."  
7:00 pm

**Monday, February 19**  
President's Day- No School

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Graduation Picture Day

**Friday, February 23**  
Black History Student Assembly

**Monday, February 26**  
6:30 pm LSC Meeting

## Raven Theater

Don't forget to mark Sunday, February 11th at 3:00 on your calendar. The FOSA sponsored Raven Theater Chicago Premiere of "Nice Girl!" would be a great way to begin your week. Tickets are \$35 each or two for \$65. Please contact [friendsofstone@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstone@gmail.com) if you are interested. Don't forget there will be special auction items there, as well as online at: [biddingforgood.com/stone](http://biddingforgood.com/stone) which is now open to the public. All proceeds will benefit the arts and enrichment programs.

## Shrek Jr.

Don't miss Shrek Jr., February 15th and 16th at 7:00PM. Over 60 5th-8th graders (plus one 3rd grader) are very excited perform Shrek Jr. for the Stone community. Mr. Faille, Ms. Perry, Ms. Falkner, and the cast and crew have been working hard since October and would be thrilled to have a packed house both nights. We are ready to let our FREAK FLAGS fly! Don't miss it!



## Parent Forum

Our quarterly Parent Forum was held on Wednesday, January 17th. It was great to welcome a few new parents, along with those who are able to regularly attend each forum. Another Forum is planned for March 13th if you weren't able to attend in January.

## 2017 Mayor Emanuel's Month of Code

Stone Academy students from Kindergarten through 8th grade studies coding and programming 2nd quarter. As part of this unit, Stone Academy participated in the 2017 Mayor Emanuel's Month of Code. This month of Code was done in collaboration with CPS CS4All and FACE2's Code60+, the Chicago City of Learning (CCOL), and the Digital Youth Network (DYN). In total they estimate that Chicago students, parents, teachers and community members racked up 22,526 Hours of Code. Various schools, students, teachers and family members received awards as part of this month of Code. We are super excited to say that one of our own, Precious A. an 8th grade student in Ms. Pfest's homeroom was the winner of a brand new Chromebook. Congratulations, Precious! Way to go Stone Coders!

## Regional Science Fair

The Regional Science Fair was held at Truman College on Friday, January 26th. 8th graders Abby Y., Katerina F., Isabel S., and 7th grader Ella W. represented Stone Academy. The students spent the morning getting to know other science enthusiasts from nearby schools and checking out different projects. Official judging took place not long after and students were required to present their research to three different judges who specialized in the area of study for each project. Afterwards students were treated to a lunch by Sunway and toured Truman's new chemistry lab. Finally, an awards ceremony was held for all top-achieving students. Stone students Katerina and Isabel received bronze honorable mention awards. Abby received a silver excellent award and Ella received a FIRST PLACE award and will be moving on to represent Stone at the City Science Fair at the Museum of Science and Industry. Congratulations to all!

